

IN THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present Application are shown below whether or not an amendment has been made.

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. (Canceled)

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16. (Currently amended) A method for establishing voice communication between a first station and a second station using data networks, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a code from a first station at a second station, wherein the code uniquely identifies the first station;

establishing a communication channel between the first station and a data network having a network server, the network server assigning a data network address to the first station;

identifying, at the second station, the data network address of the first station based at least in part upon the code;

storing the code and the data network address into a memory;

retrieving, at the second station, the data network address of the first station by searching the memory for the code; and

establishing a communication channel between the first station and the second station for voice communication over the data network, using the data network address of said first station; station.

~~storing the code and the data network address into a memory; and~~

~~identifying the data network address of the first station by searching the memory for the code.~~

17. (Canceled)

18. (Original) The method of Claim 16, further comprising the steps of:
determining whether the code is invalid; and
disconnecting the communication channel between the first station and the data network if the code is invalid.

3 19. (Original) The method of Claim 16¹, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether the first and second stations can support a communication channel for voice communication over the data network; and

wherein the step of performing said establishing step between the first station and the data network is performed only if the first and second stations can support a communication channel for voice communication over the data network.

4 20. (Original) The method of Claim 16¹, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether the first and second stations have established a communication channel over the data network; and

if it is determined that the first and second stations have not established a communication channel over the data network, then automatically establishing a communication channel between said first and second stations using a circuit switched network.

5 21. (Original) The method of Claim 20⁴, wherein the step of establishing a communication channel between said first and second stations using a circuit switched network further comprises the step of:

selecting a service provider for the communication channel from a provider list associated with the first station.

6 22. (Original) The method of Claim 16¹, wherein the first station connects to the data network automatically in response to a single activation means.

7 23. (Original) The method of Claim 22⁶, wherein the single activation means is a programmable button depression signal.

8 24. (Original) The method of Claim 22⁶, wherein the single activation means is a voice signal.

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~~28~~. (Previously presented) A method for establishing voice communication between a first station and a second station using data and circuit switched networks, wherein the second station is not linked to the data network, the method comprising the steps of:

determining whether to establish a communication channel for voice communication over the circuit switched network; and

if so, then establishing a telephonic connection between the first and second stations over the circuit switched network if it is determined that the communication channel should be established over the circuit switched network,

else triggering a single activation means wherein the first station automatically establishes a communication channel between the first and second stations for voice communication over the data and circuit switched networks.

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29. (Original) The method of Claim ⁹~~28~~, wherein the step of establishing the communication channel between the first station and the second station over the circuit switched network further comprises the step of:

selecting a service provider for the communication channel from a provider list associated with the first station.

⁴/_{30.} **(Currently amended)** A first station for initiating voice communication with a second station over a first network and a second network, the first station being a telephonic device comprising:

a storage medium having stored therein a plurality of programming modules including a code module and a call initialization module, wherein the call initialization module is operable to initiate a call to a second station over a first network ; and

a single activation means for causing the code module to transmit a code when the single activation means has been activated, the code routing over the first network, wherein the call initialization module of the second station is operable to transmit an establish-communication-channel command which causes a communication channel to be established between the first and second stations over a second network based at least in part on the code, and if said single activation means has not been activated, the communication channel being established between the first and second stations over the first network, wherein the first network comprises a circuit switched network.

²/_{31.} **(Original)** The first station of Claim ¹¹/₃₀, wherein the code module transmits a code uniquely identifying the first station.

¹³/_{32.} **(Previously presented)** The first station of Claim 30, wherein the storage medium further comprises a response module, the response module receiving a response signal from the second station wherein the call initialization module of the first station is operable to transmit an establish-communication-channel command for enabling a communication channel to be established between the first and second stations over the second network in response to the response module receiving the response signal.

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33. **(Currently amended)** The first station of Claim ¹¹~~30~~, wherein the first network includes a data network and an IP gateway providing access to the circuit ~~a circuit~~ switched network serving the second station.

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34. **(Original)** The first station of Claim ¹¹~~30~~, further comprising:
a compatibility module for determining whether the second station supports a communication channel for voice communication over the second network, the compatibility module having a signaling unit and a detector unit.

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35. **(Currently amended)** The first station of Claim ¹¹~~30~~, further comprising:
a network selection module for establishing a communication link with the second station if it is determined the communication channel is not established over the second network, said communication link to be established over the circuit ~~a circuit~~ switched network.

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36. **(Previously presented)** The first station of Claim ¹⁶~~35~~, wherein the communication link is established based on a provider list associated with said network selection module.

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37. **(Original)** The first station of Claim ¹¹~~30~~, wherein the second network is a data network.

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38. **(Original)** The first station of Claim ¹¹~~30~~, further comprising a user interface unit located at the first station, the user interface unit for indicating and selecting a calling feature option which said first station performs.

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39. **(Original)** The first station of Claim ¹⁹~~38~~, wherein the user interface unit accesses a network server for modifying the calling feature option which the first station performs.

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~~40.~~ (Original) The first station of Claim ¹⁹~~38~~, wherein the user interface is an interactive voice response application.

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~~41.~~ (Original) The first station of Claim ¹⁹~~38~~, wherein the user interface is a visual display unit.


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~~42.~~ (Original) A first station for responding to an offer by a second station to establish voice communication, the first station being a telephonic device comprising:

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a compatibility module receiving an offer by a second station to establish voice communication, the compatibility module for determining whether the second station supports voice communication over a data network, wherein the offer includes a code uniquely identifying said second station; and

a call initialization module for establishing a communication channel with the second station, the call initialization module to automatically transmit an establish-communication-channel command which causes a communication channel to be established between the first and second stations over a data network based at least in part on the code if it is determined that said second station supports voice communication over the data network.

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~~43~~. **(Previously presented)** A network server located on a data network for providing voice communication between a first station and a second station over the data network, the network server mapping a code to a data network address, the network server comprising:

a storage medium having stored therein a plurality of programming modules including a registration module, an address query module, and an address mapping module, wherein

 the registration module registers a code and a data network address into a memory in response to a register command signal, the code uniquely identifying a first station and the data network address assigned to said first station when connected to a data network,

the address query module for causing a search to be performed on the memory, the search performed in response to a search command signal, and

the address mapping module for identifying the data network address assigned to the first station based on a result of the search; and

a channel establishment module for establishing a communication channel between the first station and a second station, the communication channel supporting voice communication over the data network.

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~~44~~. **(Original)** The network server of Claim ²⁴~~43~~, further comprising:
an authentication module for determining whether the code is invalid.

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~~45~~. **(Original)** The network server of Claim ²⁴~~43~~, wherein the memory having stored calling feature information and identifying a calling feature available to the first and second stations.

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~~46~~. **(Original)** The network server of Claim ²⁴~~43~~, wherein the first station and the second station are telephonic devices.

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~~47.~~ (Previously presented) A method for establishing voice communication between a first station and a second station using a first network and a second network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a data network address for a first station at a second station via a first communication channel in a first network; the data network address identifying the first station, and the first network including a data network and an IP gateway providing access to a circuit switched network serving the second station;

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disconnecting the first station and the second station from the first communication channel; and

initiating a second communication channel over the second network between the first station and the second station for voice communication between the first station and the second station, based on at least the data network address received at the second station.

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~~48.~~ (Previously presented) The method of claim ~~47~~, wherein the step of receiving a data network address for a first station at a second station further comprises the steps of:

identifying the IP gateway serving the second station; and

determining a routing between the second network and the second station, in response to identifying the IP gateway.

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~~49.~~ (Previously presented) The method of Claim ~~47~~, further comprising the step of:

prior to performing the step of disconnecting the first station and the second station, determining whether the first station and the second station can support a communication channel for voice communication over the second network; and

performing the disconnecting step between the second station and the first network, in response to determining that the first station and the second station support voice communication over the second network.

~~31~~ 50. (Previously presented) A method for establishing voice communication between a first station and a second station using a first network and a second network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a data network address for a first station at a second station via a first communication channel in a first network, the data network address identifying the first station;

determining whether the first station and the second station can support a communication channel for voice communication over the second network;

disconnecting the first station and the second station from the first communication channel, in response to determining that the first station and the second station support voice communication over the second network; and

initiating a second communication channel over the second network between the first station and the second station for voice communication, based on at least the data network address received at the second station.

~~32~~ 51. (Previously presented) The method of Claim ~~50~~ 31, wherein the step of determining whether the first station and the second station can support a communication channel for voice communication over the second network further comprises the steps of:

signaling the second station from the first station; and

determining whether the first station receives an appropriate response signal from the second station.

~~33~~ 52. (Previously presented) The method of Claim ~~50~~ 31, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether the first station and the second station have established the second communication channel over the second network; and

establishing a third communication channel between the first station and the second station using a circuit switched network, in response to determining that the first station and the second station have not established the second communication channel over the second network.

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~~53~~. (Previously presented) A method for establishing voice communication between a first station and a second station using a first network and a second network, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a data network address for a first station at a second station via a first communication channel in a first network, the data network address identifying the first station;

disconnecting the first station and the second station from the first communication channel;

initiating a second communication channel over the second network between the first station and the second station for voice communication, based on at least the data network address received at the second station;

determining whether the first station and the second station have established the second communication channel over the second network; and

establishing a third communication channel between the first station and the second station using a circuit switched network, in response to determining that the first station and the second station have not established the second communication channel over the second network.

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~~54~~. (Previously presented) The method of Claim ~~53~~³⁴, wherein the step of establishing the third communication channel between the first station and the second station using a circuit switched network further comprises the step of:

selecting a service provider for the third communication channel from a provider list associated with the first station.

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~~55~~. **(Currently amended)** A method for establishing voice communication between a first station and a second station using data networks, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a code from a first station at a second station, wherein the code identifies the first station;

establishing a communication channel between the first station and a data network having a network server, the network server assigning a data network address to the first station;

identifying, at the second station, the data network address of the first station based at least in part upon the code;

establishing a communication channel between the first station and the second station for voice communication over the data network, based on at least the data network address of the first station;

determining whether the code is invalid; and

disconnecting the communication channel between the first station and the data network, in response to determining that the code is invalid.

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~~56~~. **(Previously presented)** The method of Claim ³⁸
~~55~~, further comprising determining whether the first station and the second station can support a communication channel for voice communication over the data network, and wherein establishing a communication channel between the first station and the data network comprises establishing a communication channel between the first station and the data network, in response to determining that the first station and the second station can support a communication channel for voice communication over the data network.

³⁸/₅₇. **(Previously presented)** The method of Claim ³⁸/₅₅, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether the first station and the second station have established a communication channel over the data network; and


establishing a communication channel between the first station and the second station using a circuit switched network, in response to determining that the first station and the second station have not established a communication channel over the data network.

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~~58.~~ **(Currently amended)** A method for establishing voice communication between a first station and a second station using data networks, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a code from a first station at a second station, wherein the code identifies the first station;

establishing a communication channel between the first station and a data network having a network server in response to determining that the first station and the second station can support a communication channel for voice communication over the data network, wherein the network server assigns a data network address to the first station;

identifying, at the second station, the data network address of the first station based on at least the code;

 establishing a communication channel over the data network between the first station and the second station for voice communication, based on at least the data network address of the first station; and

determining whether the first station and the second station can support a communication channel for voice communication over the data network.

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~~59.~~ **(Previously presented)** The method of Claim ^{39/}~~58~~, further comprising the steps of:

determining whether the first station and the second station have established a communication channel over the data network; and

establishing a communication channel between the first station and the second station using a circuit switched network, in response to determining that the first station and the second station have not established a communication channel over the data network.

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~~60.~~ **(Previously presented)** The method of Claim ^{40/}~~59~~, wherein the step of establishing a communication channel between the first station and the second station using a circuit switched network further comprises the step of:

selecting a service provider for the communication channel from a provider list associated with the first station.

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61. **(Currently amended)** A method for establishing voice communication between a first station and a second station using data networks, the method comprising the steps of:

receiving a code from a first station at a second station, wherein the code identifies the first station;

establishing a communication channel between the first station and a data network having a network server, the network server assigning a data network address to the first station;

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identifying, at the second station, the data network address of the first station based on at least the code;

establishing a communication channel between the first station and the second station for voice communication over the data network, based on at least the data network address of the first station;

determining whether the first station and the second station have established a communication channel over the data network; and

establishing a communication channel between the first station and the second station using a circuit switched network, in response to determining that the first station and the second station have not established a communication channel over the data network.

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62. **(Previously presented)** The method of Claim *42* 61, wherein the step of establishing a communication channel between the first station and the second station using a circuit switched network further comprises the step of:

selecting a service provider for the communication channel from a provider list associated with the first station.
